

SENATE BILL 597

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By: **Senator McFadden**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Baltimore City – Election Dates**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the dates of certain elections for municipal offices in
4 Baltimore City; specifying the ~~terms~~ term of municipal officers in Baltimore
5 City who are elected in a certain ~~years~~; year; providing for a delayed effective
6 date; and generally relating to elections in Baltimore City.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Election Law
9 Section 8–201 and 8–301
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 8–201.

16 (a) (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every
17 even-numbered year.

18 (2) A primary election shall be held:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (i) in the year in which the Governor is elected, on the last
2 Tuesday in June; and

3 (ii) in the year in which the President of the United States is
4 elected, on the first Tuesday in April.

5 (b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a primary election for municipal offices:

6 ~~(1) IN THE YEAR 2016,~~ on the [second] FIRST Tuesday [following the
7 first Monday in September in the year following the election of the Governor] IN
8 APRIL IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS
9 ELECTED; AND

10 ~~(2) BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2018, ON THE LAST TUESDAY IN~~
11 ~~JUNE IN THE YEAR THAT THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED.~~

12 8-301.

13 (a) (1) There shall be a statewide general election in each even-numbered
14 year.

15 (2) A statewide general election shall be held on the Tuesday following
16 the first Monday in November.

17 (b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a general election for municipal offices:

18 ~~(1) IN THE YEAR 2016,~~ on the Tuesday following the first Monday in
19 November ~~in the year~~ IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS
20 ELECTED ~~following the election of the Governor; AND~~

21 ~~(2) BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2018, ON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING~~
22 ~~THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED.~~

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
24 other provision of law, the term of a municipal officer of Baltimore City elected:

25 ~~(1)~~ in the year 2011 is 5 years; ~~and~~

26 ~~(2)~~ ~~in the year 2016 is 2 years.~~

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 ~~October 1, 2012~~ January 1, 2013.